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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, dated July 7, 2003, be extended for three months to January 7, 2004.

A response to the Office Action, dated July 7, 2003, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the three month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response

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Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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